

Teacher Education Graduation Candidates

2009-2010 Teacher Certification, Graduation, and Testing Information

NJ Certification Process through TCNJ–approved programs

Make certain that you:

- 1. Apply for “Conferment of Degree”** on or before the beginning of the semester in which you will complete ALL requirements. This works through the Registrar & is essential!

Current graduation dates are Fall 2009 and Spring 2010

- 2. Take the NJ- required Praxis test in your teaching area**

- ~ NJ requires: one specific Praxis II Content Knowledge test in most teaching areas
- ~ Register on-line * - - Enter your Social Security number (needed for NJ DOE to link with your file).
- ~ Be certain to list the NJ State Department of Education as a score recipient (R7666).
- ~ Download and **save** your score report for future use.

Candidates must submit a copy of the score report top sheet & “sub-scores” sheet to the TCNJ Certification Office with certification application

Fall 2009 - 2010 Test dates:	Sept. 12	Nov. 14	Jan. 9	
	March 13	April 24	June 12	July 24

Recommendation:

Take the test at least a month before you intent to schedule job interviews. May 2010 graduates should take tests on or before March 2010 so that “passing” information is available to school districts.

- 3. Apply for the NJ initial teaching certificate during your final semester – through TCNJ Certification Office**

Undergraduates: Obtain a NJ certification application from the TCNJ Certification Office.

M.A.T. Students: The Certification Officer will meet with you during a final course or will mail applications based upon the coordinator’s recommendation.

- All applicants must return:
1. NJ certification (pink) application, completed
 2. NJ certification fee
 3. Praxis score report copy (see #2 above)

The TCNJ Certification Office compiles and submits certification documents to the NJ State Office of Licensing for licensure issuance in the area of each candidate’s enrollment.

~~~ Dec.2009 graduates typically receive certificates in the mail in late January ~~~  
*Recommendation: Dec. graduates obtain substitute certificate (to teach in early Jan.*

~~~ May 2010 graduates typically receive certificates in the mail in mid-June. ~~~

Websites:

ETS – Praxis test series www.ets.org/praxis

NJ State Department of Education www.state.nj.us/education

TCNJ Certification Office <www.tcnj.edu/~educat/certification/index.html> 117 Forcina 609. 771.2396]